

Oppose HB 7193

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To CT legislators,

I am opposing HB7193. Please, no forced school regionalization.

My name is Xuehai Ling and my family have been living in Wilton since 2006. My daughter has been enrolled into Wilton school since kindergarten, currently she is in grade 8.

Regionalization most likely means longer bus time, it will be devastating for the kid, she will need to give up quite a few after school programs. I have concerns about whether school teachers can give enough attentions to the kids, as well. Currently the Wilton school clubs are quite impressive.

I also learn some numbers about the distributions of ECS, the receiving number of each pupil from inner cities compared with towns is astonishing. When factor in the state income tax paid by towns and inner cities, it becomes outrageous. It strongly suggests some inner cities having issues in management and governance. I understand state has a budget crisis. However, I cannot help thinking the regionalization bill has the motivation or hidden agenda of robbing the hard-working middle class.

I was in Hartford for the similar bill hearing a few weeks ago, I am outraged by Chairman McCrory's comment, his comment implied our hard-working tax payers and small-town residents were racists. I heard from a fellow resident who was from Russia, "I came here with one suitcase and broken English, and I manage to buy a house in Wilton, where is the borderline?" I am very concerned that state of Connecticut is moving down the path to socialism. People will leave. Please build CT and say No to HB 7193.

Regards,

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